

Valuation Order No. 17.

Order, Instructions, and Forms pertaining to Purchases of Materials, Prices Paid, and Rates of Compensation paid for Labor, to be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by Telegraph Companies, effective May 5, 1915.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

O R D E R.

At a General Session of the INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, held at its office in Washington, D. C., on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1915.

The subject of purchases, and the prices paid for such purchases, and the rates of compensation paid employees, by telegraph companies, being under consideration:

It is ordered, That every telegraph company owning or operating, in whole or in part, a telegraph line, whose property is to be valued under the valuation act of March 1, 1913, and every receiver or operating trustee of any such telegraph company, shall, on or before September 30, 1915, file with the Commission, at its office in Washington, D. C., a schedule showing the purchases of new material made and net prices paid for such purchases, and the rates of compensation paid its employees, in the manner prescribed on the accompanying D. V. Forms Nos. 354 to 424, inclusive, which D. V. Forms are included in, and made a part of, this order, and complying with the following instructions:

D. V. Forms Nos. 354 to 423, inclusive:

1. No labor, other than that actually paid for by the telegraph company for inspection, and included in the column "Inspection," and other than that actually paid for by the telegraph company and included in the column "Freight paid," shall be shown or included in any column on these forms.
2. Under "Freight paid" state only freight actually paid by the telegraph company.
3. Under "Commission paid for purchasing" state only commission actually paid by the telegraph company for the purchase of any article or articles, and not included in salaries or expenses of a purchasing department.
4. Fill each column of the forms by entering the information called for; otherwise by the notation "Unknown" or "None." The carrier may give additional information or make such explanation as it desires.

5. If the prices given were determined by competitive bids, so state.

6. The name and title of the person compiling the data shall be given in the space provided for that purpose, and the completed data shall be certified as "Correct," with the personal signature and title of the person so certifying, on each form.

7. The reports shall be typewritten on white, tough paper.

D. V. Form No. 424:

Show in column "Remarks" the number of hours included in "Rate per day." Follow instructions 4, 6, and 7.

By the Commission.

GEORGE B. MCGINTY,

(SEAL.)

Secretary.

NOTE:

It is understood that counsel for either party may refer, on oral argument or in printed briefs, to the forms which accompany the above order and which are embraced as a part thereof.